

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE

**IN RE: THOMAS G. FERNANDO, M.D.
 License No.: 0101-027718**

ORDER

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 54.1-2919 and 9-6.14:11 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was held with Thomas G. Fernando, M.D., on February 8, 1996, in Richmond, Virginia. Members of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") serving on the informal conference committee ("Committee") were: Paul M. Spector, Chairperson; Karen E. Knapp, M.D.; and David E. Brown, D.C. Dr. Fernando appeared personally and was represented by legal counsel, Michael L. Goodman, Esquire. The purpose of the informal conference was to inquire into allegations that Dr. Fernando may have violated certain laws governing the practice of medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as set forth in a notice of informal conference dated January 5, 1996.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Now, having properly considered the evidence and testimony presented, the Committee makes the following Finding of Fact:

1. From on or about January 25, 1995 to May 31, 1995, Dr. Fernando diagnosed and treated Patient A for bipolar disorder. Such treatment included monitoring of Patient A's medication. During Dr. Fernando's treatment of Patient A, on or about May 31, 1995, by his own admission, while maintaining a physician-patient relationship with Patient A, he engaged in improper sexual contact with her, to-wit: oral sodomy.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Finding of Fact, the Committee concludes that Dr. Fernando is in violation of Section 54.1-2915.A(3), as further defined in Section 54.1-2914.A(9), (10) and (16) of the Code.

Dr. Fernando


ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that Thomas G. Fernando, M.D., be, and hereby is, issued a REPRIMAND.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2919 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, any request for a hearing before the Board must be filed within 30 days upon receipt of this Order.

Pursuant to Section 9-6.14:14 of the Code, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

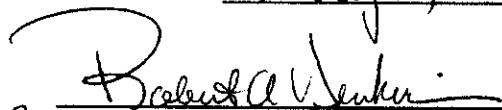
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Virginia Board of Medicine

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